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To the Author of the London Journal.

SIR,

ON the first Rise and Beginning of States, a rough and unknown Virtue, a rude and savage Fierceness, and an unpolish'd Passion for Liberty, are the Qualities chiefly in Repute: To these succeed military Accomplishments, domestick Arts and Sciences, and such political Knowledge and Acquirements, as are necessary to make States great and formidable Abroad, and to preserve Equality and domestick Happiness and Security at Home; and lastly, when these are attain'd, follow Politeness, speculative Knowledge, moral and experimental Philosophy, with other Branches of Learning, and the whole Train of the Muses.

The *Romans* were long Masters of the Arts of War and Policy before they knew much of the Embellishments of Letters.

Serus enim Græcis admovit acumina Chartis,
Et, doctæ Pisces Ballus, quæstus quærere cepit.
Quid tragicus Græcis & Thespis, & Æschylus utile ferret.

These were the Effects of Ease, Leisure, Security and Plenty, and the Productions of Men retir'd from the hurry and amusements of War, and separated from the Tumults of the World; of Men not ruffled by Disappointments, not fear'd with the Masks of foreign Invasions, or disturb'd with civil Tumults; and of Men not distress'd by Wars, or wholly employ'd with the Cares of Life, and solicitous for a Support to themselves and Families—*procter laudem nullius avaritia.*

The *Romans* had first'd their Conquests and studied their Power, before they grew fond of the Ornaments of Life.

How should my Memmius have time to read,
When by his Ancestors fam'd Glory led
To noble Deeds, he must oppose the Cause,
Of his dear Country's Liberties and Laws?
Amongst rough Wars how can Verse smoothly flow,
Or midst such Storms the learned Laurel grow?

L. *Memmius* was one of the principal Men of *Rome*, and yet so late as the taking of *Corinth*, he was so ignorant in the polite Arts, that when he was shipping off the glorious Spoils of that great City for *Rome*, he particularly threaten'd the Masters of the Vessels, that if they broke or lost any of the Statues, Paintings, or of the other curious Grand Movables, they should be oblig'd to get others made in their Room at their proper Expence.

But the *Romans* quickly improv'd in their Taste, and quickly grew fond of Works of Genius of every Kind, having now Leisure to admire them, and Encouragement to imitate them. And the Greeks, from whom the *Romans* had them, were fallen in Power, and their civil Constitution was extremely changed, before they gave entirely in to Pleasure and Learning.

But contented with the simple Institutions of Leisure and Ease, great Numbers in every Age, of the Professors of Knowledge grew indolent in respect of Study, and were content to live as far as it may be guessed. Other Motives, such as Interest or Ease, they must have certain Foundations and Encouragement in life; they must have certain Rewards at the End of them. The Greek Professors, and indeed Rewards at the End of them. The Greeks, Learned as often as Greek of the Vulgar. The Greeks, who encourag'd Learning and the Sciences more, and preserv'd them longer, than any People ever did, kept stated, publick and general Assemblies, on Purpose for the Trial and Encouragement of Wit and Arts, and for the distinguishing of those who profess'd them; and thither resorted all who had any Pretensions that Way, or had engag'd in Performances of that Kind; and all the most illustrious Men in *Greece*, the Nobility, the Magistracy, and the Ambassadors of Princes, and sometimes Princes themselves were the Auditors and Judges: By these Merit was distinguish'd, the Contention for Glory decided, and the Victory declar'd, and by these the Rewards of it were bestowed. Thus glorious was the Price of Excelling, and thus equitable, publick and loud was the Fame of it. It is therefore no Wonder that it was courted by the *Greeks* with as much Ardour and Application, as the chief Dignities in a State are courted by others. And considering how strong were the Stimulations of the *Greeks* to Study, *Horace* might well say,

Græcis ingenium, Græcis dedit ore rotundo
Musa loqui———

Before this august Assembly, *Herodotus* repeated his History with great Applause; which so animated *Thucydides*, then very Young, that in Emulation of *Herodotus*, he writ a better History than that of *Herodotus*. Here *Choerilus* recommended himself, by only repeating some Verses skilfully collected out of *Empedocles*; and here *Euripides* and *Xenocles* contended for Preference in the Drama.

Indeed the Honours attending a Victory upon these Occasions, were excessive, and according to *Cicero*, did almost equal those of a *Roman* Triumph. The Victors were reckon'd to have arrived to the highest human Felicity, and to have entail'd Glory upon all that belong'd to them; upon their Families, Friends, their Native City, and the Place of their Education. Elogiums were made upon them, Statues were erected to them, and ever after they met every where the same Preference, which they had met at the *Olympick* Assemblies.—A Preference which to fix'd the Emperor *Nero*, that when he had ridiculously flood Competitor at a Singing Match, and taken a Journey to *Greece* on Purpose, he first declar'd himself Victor; and then to destroy all Marks and Memory of those who had been so before him, he commanded all their Pictures and Statues to be pulled down and thrown into the Privies.

The *Romans*, as soon as they had Leisure from their long and many Wars, fell quickly into the same Studies, and into the same Emulation to excel in them. They no sooner had any Acquaintance with *Greece*, but they were possess'd with a Passion for all her Remains.

Græcis capta ferum victorem cepit, & artes
Intulit agresti Latio———

The fierce *Romans* subdued *Greece* by their Arms; and *Greece* made captive, held a Captive in her Arts. All the Youth of *Rome* were eager to see the Seasons of Learning, and eager to partake them; and many of the Masters were sought by the same Pupils; and even the elder *Cato*, who was so hard against such Improvements, which he fear'd would infect too much the simple *Roman* Genius, yet changed his Opinion so far, that he would have *Greek* to be his old Age.

This prevailing Passion of the *Romans* in Learning, had other Causes than the Fondness and Curiosity of their Genius. The Spirit of the People like that of their State was various. The Spirit of Liberty, which the Power sought to suppress, and could conquer: The Improvement of Knowledge,

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by bringing no Terror to the Magistrate, brought no Danger to the People. Nothing is too hard for *Liberty*; and that Liberty which made the *Greeks* and *Romans* Masters of the World, made them Masters of all the Learning in it: And when their Liberties perish'd, so did their Learning. That Eloquence, and those other Abilities and Acquisitions, which rais'd those who had them to too high a Degree in a free State, became under Tyranny a Servant from no Rank, unless they were prostituted to the Service of the Tyrant.

That Knowledge, and those Accomplishments which create Jealousy instead of Applause, and Danger instead of Reward, will be but rarely and faintly pursued, and for the most part not at all. No Man will take great Pains, spend his Youth and waste his Fortune, to purchase Infamy or Punishment: And therefore when such Obstacles are thrown in his Way, he will take Counsel of Sloth and Ignorance in the noble and long day, and prefer gilded and charming Folly to dangerous and forbidden Wisdom.

Ignorance accompanies Slavery, and is introduced by it. People who live in Freedom will think with Freedom; but when the Mind is enslav'd by Fear and the Body by Chains, Inquiry and Study will be at an End. Men will not pursue dangerous Knowledge, nor venture their Heads to improve their Understandings. Besides, their Spirits dejected with Servitude and Poverty, will want Vigour as well as Leisure to cultivate Arts and propagate Truth, which is ever High-Treason against Tyranny. Neither the Rules nor the Deeds of Tyrants will bear Examination; and their Power is concern'd to stupify and destroy the very Faculties of Reason and Thinking: Not can Reason travel far, when Force and Dread are in the Way; and when Men dare not see, their Eyes will soon grow useless.

In *Turkey* Printing is forbid, lest by its Means common Sense might get the better of Violence, and be too hard for the Imperial Butcher. It is even Capital and certain Death there, but to reason freely upon their *Alcoran*.——A sure Sign of Imposture! But by Imposture, Stupidity and *Janizaries* his Throne is supported; and his vast but thin Dominions know no Inhabitants but barbarous ignorant and miserable Slaves.

Not is Printing another arbitrary Countries of much use but to rivet their Chains: it is permitted only on one side, and made the further Branch of Servitude. Even in Christian Countries under arbitrary Princes, the People are for the most part as ignorant and implacable Bigots as the *Turks* are. And as it is rare to find a Slave who is not a Bigot, no Man can shew me a Bigot who is not an ignorant Slave; for Bigotry is a Slavery of the Soul to certain religious Opinions, Fancies or Stories, of which the Bigot knows little or nothing, and damns all that do.

The least Cramp or Restraint upon Reasoning and Inquiry of any Kind, will prove soon a mighty Bar in the Way to Learning. It is very true, that all sorts of Knowledge, at least all sorts of Sublime and important Knowledge, are so complicated and interwoven together, that it is impossible to search into any Part of it, and to trace the same with Freedom to its first Principles, without borrowing and taking in the Help of most, if not all of the other Parts. Religion and Government particularly, are as the Beginning and End of every Thing, and are the Sciences in the World the most necessary and important to be known; and as these are more or less known, other Knowledge will be proportionably greater or smaller, or none: But where these cannot be freely examin'd, and their Excellencies search'd into and understood, all other Wisdom will be maim'd and ineffectual, and indeed scarce worth having.

Now in all arbitrary Governments, and under all created and imposing Religions, nothing must be found true in Philosophy, which thwarts the received Scheme, and the uppermost Opinions: The most evident mathematical Demonstrations must not disprove orthodox Dogmas, and establish'd Opinions; the first poetical Flights must be restrain'd and discourag'd, when they would fly over the narrow Enclosures and Prison-Walls of Bigots: Nor must the bold, the strongest, and the most beautiful Reasoning dare to break through popular Prejudice, or attempt to contend with powerful and lucrative Usurpation. A Bishop was burned before the Reformation, for discovering the World to be round; and even in the last Century the excellent Galileo was put into the dismal Prison of the Inquisition, for maintaining the Motion of the Earth round the Sun, as his Glasses, which I have still. This Proposition of his, which is but demonstrated, he was forced to retract, or lose his Life and Liberty like Chains.

Where Religion and Government are most different, as Religion ever is where the Supposition is by Craft and Force, and Government ever is where the People by Wisdom and Choice; there all Reasonings have most Force, and the Reasoning most given, is most freely heard and discovered: And as one sort of Inquiry and Knowledge begets another, and so, when the Wits of Men are sallow'd to work themselves freely, no Body knows where their Pursuits may end; so no Tyranny of any kind is safe where general, impartial and useful Knowledge is pursued. Inhuman Violence and Rapid Ignorance are the certain and necessary Stay of Tyrants, and every thing that is good or valuable in the World is to earth [illegible]

To the *East* (if we except *China*, there is such a Cramping of Knowledge, that the *Eastern* People are from that same Causes and Genius really incapable of all Knowledge. In another mentioning the Country of the Governour, and the great Misery of that people there, he [illegible] be [illegible] a groß and profound Ignorance reigns in their State. Nor is it possible there should be Academies and Colleges well founded in them. Where are such to where to be met with? And if they were, where are the Scholars to be had? Where are those who have Means & Leisure to maintain them? Conditions so Collected? And if there were, who dare appear to be such? And if they were, where are their Benefices, Preferments and Dignities, which require Knowledge and Abilities, and animate by using Men to it?

I will not deny, but that in arbitrary Countries there are sometimes found Men of great Parts and Learning. But these are either Ecclesiasticks, who even in the greatest Tyrannies, at least in *Europe*, are blest with great Liberty, and many independent Privileges, and are Freemen in the midst of Slaves, and have suitable Leisure and Revenues to support them in their Studies; or they are Men inspired and encouraged by the Prince to flatter his Pride, and administer to his Pomp and Pleasures, and to recommend his Person and Power. For these Reasons alone they are cherish'd, promoted and rewarded. They are endowed with the Advantages of Freemen, merely to be the Instruments of Servitude. They are a sort of *Swiss*, hir'd to be the Guards of their proud Master's Throne, and to applaud and vindicate all his Wickedness, Wildness, Usurpations, Prodigalities and Follies. This therefore is the worst of all Prostitutions, and the most immoral of all sorts of Slavery; as it is supporting Servitude with the Breath of Liberty, and vitiating and mangling Liberty with her own Weapons. A Centaur that has on his Centaur to hire, may sometimes have a very good one; but he must have a vile and beggarly Soul, and his Performances are at best but the basest Way of petitioning for Alms.

France could boast many Men of Wit and Letters in the late Reign, tho' it was a very severe one, and brought infinite Evil upon all *France* and all *Europe*. But these great Wits were many of them the Instruments and Pensions of Power, who bent the whole Force of their Genius to flatter domestick Oppression and foreign Usurpation: Such were the Characters and Employment of *La Fontaine*, *Boileau*, *Corneille*, *Racine*, and several others. *France* saw at the same Time several Gho'chanes of great and exalted Talents, such as the late Archbishop of *Cambray*, the *Abbé St. Real*, Monsieur *Tourreil*, the present *Abbot Vertot*, and many more excellent Men and Lovers of Liberty, which by being Churchmen they possess'd.

But tho' it be true that the late *French* King encouraged all Sorts of Learning, that contributed to the Grandeur of his Name and Court, and did not contradict his Power, and courted great Writers all over *Europe*, either to write for him, or not against him: Yet the Nature of his Government was so confined a Damp upon general Learning, that it was at last brought to a very low Pass in that Kingdom, even in his Time. Monsieur *Des Maizeaux* tells us, in his Dedication of St. *Evremond's* Works to the late Lord *Hallifax*, that the great Genius's of *France* were, about the Time I speak of, *so constrained as either to have said nothing at all, or to have spoken what they thought by halves*; That la Bruyere complain, *that the French are cramp'd in Satire*; that Regis, *the famous Philosopher could not, in ten Years Time, obtain a License for publishing his Course of Philosophy, and had it at last only on this Condition, to correct such whereby Rijsbrd the Censor*; That Monsieur de Tourreil *hath been obliged to depart from the Freedom which he us'd in the first Works he published*; That *the present French Authors distinguish themselves neither by Learning nor Wit*; and that all this is to be attributed to *the Nature of the Government*; which is unquestionably true.

What Mr. *des Maizeaux* says upon this Argument is so judicious and full, that I shall borrow another Paragraph from the same Dedication. 'Liberty, says he, inspires a noble and elevated Confidence, which generally enlarges the Mind, and gives an Easiness that inclines it to throw out new Lights towards promoting the Sciences; whereas a Servile Dependance sets fetters on the Soul, and fills the Mind with a contracted Circumspection, that produces it mean and grovelling, and even debases the Use of its noblest Faculties. Greece and Italy, even but Shadows of what they were, yet preserv'd their Learning: The Loss of that was the Inlet of Barbarity, and the Ruin of polite Learning. Greece formerly the Seat of the Muses, is now inhabited

' volv'd in a frightful Barbarity, under the Slavery of the *Ot-*
' *toman* Empire; and *Italy*, which under the Influence of a
' Senate, was ſo fruitful in great and learned Men, now
' ſubject to the Tribunal of the Inquiſition, produces no
' conſiderable Works of Erudition or Polemetis.'

All the great Genius's who liv'd in the Days of *Auguſtus*, were born and educated in the Days of Liberty; and as borrowed from the Commonwealth all the Ornaments of his Court and Empire. In ſpight of all his boaſted Taſte of Letters, and the Encouragement he gave them, I do not remember one extraordinary Genius bred under his Influence: On the contrary, all that were ſo died in his Time, without leaving any Succeſſors. *Quidquid Romana facundia habet quod inſolenti Græciæ aut opponat aut præferat, circa* Ciceronem *effloruit. Omnia ingenia quæ horum ſtudijs noſtris attulerunt tunc nata ſunt. In deterius deinde quotidie data res eſt*, ſays *Seneca* the Father, 'Every Improvement in the *Ro-*
' *man* Eloquence, which either equals or excels that of
' *Greece*, flouriſh'd in the Time of *Cicero*; and all the great
' Wits, that now animate and direct our Studies, were then
' born. But ever ſince then Wit daily decays, and grows
' lower and lower.'

This Decay began in the Time of *Auguſtus*, who began his Reign with butchering *Cicero*, his Patron, his Lover, and his Friend, and the Prodigy of *Roman* Eloquence and Learning; and that Decay encreas'd ſo faſt, that from the firſt *Roman* Emperor to the laſt, for the Space of about Five Hundred Years, the Great City of *Rome* did not produce five great Geniuſes, and thoſe that it did produce were produced near the Times of Liberty, when they were yet warm'd with its Memory, and before the Tyrants had yet Time entirely to abolish all that was good, though they made infinite haſte. *Tacitus* was their laſt great Hiſtorian, and *Juvenal* their laſt great Poet, both paſſionate Admirers of Liberty. It is melancholly what the former ſays upon this Subject, *Poſt bellatum apud* Actium, *atq; omnem poteſtatem ad unum conferre pacis interfuit, magna illa ingenia ceſſere.* The *Romans* had no longer any great Genius's than while they were free.

The *Greeks* preſerv'd Learning ſome Time after the *Romans* had loſt it; for tho' they were conquered by the *Romans*, yet many of the *Greek* Cities were ſuffer'd to enjoy their ancient Liberties and Laws, and they paid only an eaſy Homage, and no Troops were quartered among them as in the other Provinces. However, as they were at the Mercy of Foreign Maſters, the Vigour of their Spirit was gone, and they produced but few good Authors; *Dion* and *Plutarch* are the Chief. It is the Obſervation of the learned, polite and ingenious Author of the *Reflexions critiques ſur la poeſie & ſur la peinture*, that *Greece* had more great Men of all Kinds in the Age of *Plato* alone, when its Liberties flouriſh'd, than in all the many Ages between *Perſeus* the laſt King of *Macedon*, and the taking of *Conſtantinople* by the *Turks*, containing ſeventeen hundred Years.

The ſeveral Attempts made by *Veſpaſian*, *Titus* and *Trajan*, to reſtore Learning, proved almoſt vain. The Muſes, who frighted by Tyranny, were now fled out of the World, could not be allured back to *Rome*, where Baſeneſs, Terrors, and Servitude had long reign'd, and where their Seats were fill'd by pedantick Pretenders, and by babbling and hypocritical Philoſophers: For, the Rich and Name of Learning ſtill ſubſiſted, and therefore *Seneca* ſays, *ut omnium rerum, ſic literarum quoq; intemperantia laboramus.*

The Root of the Evil remain'd, and the Empire of mere Will had ſubvert'd the Throne of the Laws, and the Place of Learning. The Genius, that bold and glorious Genius, inſpir'd by Liberty, was gone, and the Tryal to reſtore Learning without reſtoring Liberty, only ſerv'd to ſhew that they who won't do good to a Community which is ill uſed and corrupted, muſt either begin with the Government, and alter or reform that, or deſpair of Succeſs. All that the beſt *Roman* Emperors could or laſt do was, not to butcher and oppreſs their People; which yet they could not reſtrain their Miniſters from doing. *Meſſalina* blacken'd the Reign of *Veſpaſian* by his Pride, Inſolence and Cruelties; and the Miniſters of *Nerva*, under Colour of puniſhing the Informers, a Crew of Rogues licens'd and encourag'd by the former Emperors to exhauſt and deſtroy their dreaded Foes, the innocent and virtuous, made Uſe of that good Prince's Authority and his Horror of thoſe Vermin, to banish, plunder, kill, and ruin many of the beſt Men in *Rome*.

The Government, the Arbitrary Eagle Government had long diſcourag'd and baniſh'd every Thing that was good, and with the eſtabliſhing it irretrievably.

I am, SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant,

CATO.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

AT Copenhagen fourteen Ships of the Line of Battle, Galleys, &c. are fitting out with the utmoſt Speed, in order to be ready to put to Sea about the Middle of April; againſt which Time all the Land Forces are to be completely encreaſed.——The Czar of Muſcovy is about to diſcloſe a Succeſſor to his Dominions; ſome talk as if Prince Menzikoff would be the Perſon, if he marries the Czar's eldeſt Daughter; but this is rather gueſs'd at than known: But be it as it will, the Duke of Holſtein's Court ſeems greatly diſtreſſed. An Alliance is talk'd of between the Czar, Emperor and Spain.——Apprehenſions of approaching Troubles in Italy, about the Teſtamentary Succeſſion, increaſe at Vienna. His Imperial Majeſty cautions the Grand Duke to maintain an exact Neutrality, and not to be too partial to Spain, or enter into particular Treaties with the Princes of Italy.——The Court of Madrid has ordered ſeveral Ships of War to be fitted out at Cadiz, which Squadron, ſome conjecture, is deſigned to carry Don Carlos, Prince of Spain, to Italy.——The Duke of Orleans recovers but ſlowly from the Indiſpoſition which he has lately laboured under.——The Lord Polwarth is arrived at Cambray, ſo that the Congreſs there is likely ſoon to be opened.

LONDON.

ON Wedneſday Sev'nnight laſt, in the Artillery Ground, was a Performance of Mr. Puckle's Machine; and 'tis reported for certain, that one Man diſcharged it 63 times in ſeven Minutes, though all the while Raining; and that it throws off either one large or ſixteen Muſquet Bullets at every Diſcharge, with very great Force.

On Sunday Morning laſt a Man decently dreſs'd, was found dead in a Ditch near the London Spaw. As there appeared no Bruiſes or Hurt about him, it is thought Drink was the Cauſe of his Death. And on Tueſday Morning a Man was found Dead at a Corner of the New Church in the Strand, who is ſuppoſed to be murdered, and afterwards laid there.

We hear, that the Lords Juſtices of Ireland are putting the Laws in Execution againſt the Roman Catholicks of that Kingdom, and that they have given Orders for their Chappels to be ſhut up.

We hear, that the Six Fourth Rate Men of War ordered againſt the Pirates, will firſt convoy his Majeſty to Holland, and then join the Queen of Ships to be furniſhed on this Expedition by the States.

They have erected Turnpikes on the Eſſex Road, in purſuance of a late Act of Parliament for repairing the ſaid Road, viz. one at Whitechappel Church, one at Stratford, and one half a Mile on this ſide Rumford; and on Monday laſt they began to take the Tolls.

On Monday next they will begin at the South-Sea Houſe, to deliver out the Warrants for their laſt Chriſtmas Dividend.

Notice has been given to all Maſters and other chief Officers of Ships, in purſuance of an Act paſſed laſt Seſſions of Parliament, for the more equal paying and better Collecting certain ſmall Sums for Relief of certain ſhipwreck'd Mariners and diſtreſſed Perſons, his Majeſty's Subjects in the Dominions of Portugal, in lieu of Contribution uſually charged on the Sale of Goods, that from and after the 29th of September next, the ſaid Maſters do obſerve to ſpecify in their Bills of Lading, immediately after their Freight, the following Words (*And Contribution, as per Act of Parliament*) which provides, That all Wheat, Barley, Rye, Coals, Timber, Boards and Lumber, ſhall pay One Hundred Reis *per* Ton; and all other Tonnage Goods of what kind ſoever, ſhall pay Two Hundred Reis *per* Ton. And all Piece Goods, as Bays, Cloths, Stuffs, or any other Manufactury, ſhall pay Fifteen per Cent. on the Freight, in Default of which are provided the neceſſary Penalties.

On the 19th Inſtant there was Entered at the Cuſtom-houſe, for Exportation to the Eaſt Indies, 17780 Ounces of foreign Silver, and on the 20th, 2089 ditto for the ſame Place, and 2800 ditto for Holland. On the 21ſt, to the Eaſt-Indies 300 Ounces more of foreign Silver, and 5000 ditto to Holland.

We hear from Coventry, that a mad Fox having broke looſe from an Inn there, has bit ſeveral People, ſome of which died raving mad.

The Portuguez Man of War of 70 Guns, which we mentioned in our laſt, to be taken by the Pyrates, had the Vice-Roy of Goa on board, who paid 8000 Pieces of Eight for his Ranſom. The Pyrates was one of 40 and the other of 36 Guns.

Our Lisbon Letters mention, that on the 15th of laſt Month there was ſeen in the Sky over that City, from 9 a Clock in the Morning till Noon, a ſurprizing Phænomenon, near the Sun, repreſenting two Rainbows lying on a Semi-circle, their Points caſting a Light almoſt as bright as the Sun; the Air was very clear, and it moved from the N. W. to the S. W. On the 20th and 21ſt following, it appeared again as before, and ſome Fiſhermen report, that they beheld it at Sun-Riſing.

The Eliner, from St. Ubes, with Salt from Dunkirk, was newly loſt on the Goodwin Sands.

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The South-Sea Company have lately taken three more Ships into their Service, and are reſolv'd to puſh on their Trade, as promiſing themſelves great Advantages from it.

We have the following Story from Paris, viz. ſometime ago Monſieur d'Eſcoche of Montpellier, a reform'd Captain of Dragoons, debauch'd Mademoiſelle Roſe of the ſame Place, under Promiſe he would marry her, which he declined; her two Brothers demanding Satisfaction, he fought them both, one of which he killed, and wounded the other. Upon which their Father came to Paris to ſollicite Revenge, but meeting with Delays, went back, where finding the Captain, ſhe ſhot him Dead; ſhe was immediately ſeized, but hath obtained a Pardon of the Court.

Laſt Week a Poſtor Marian from Aleppo, who had been performing Quarantine at Standgate Creek, was robbed coming to Town in a Coach by one Highwayman, of a Ring of immenſe Value, and many other Things of conſiderable Worth.

The following Eaſt India Ships will ſail for India, with the firſt fair Wind, viz. Hanover Capt. Bond, Prince Frederick Captain Martin, Fort St. George Capt. Brice, Bengal Capt. Jordan, Bombay Capt. Smith. The two firſt being large Ships, have a hundred Soldiers on Board for the Service of the Company in the Indies; and the three laſt are to remain in the Indies Five Years as Coaſters and Guard Ships.

Laſt Tueſday Morning about two of the Clock, a Fire broke out at the Houſe of the Dutcheſs Dowager of Rutland, at Chelſea, which burnt the upper Part of the Houſe. The Dutcheſs and ſome other Perſons of Quality in the fright were conveyed into the Stable, where they ſtay'd till it was extinguiſhed. It is ſaid to have begun by a Charcoal Fire left in the Confectionary.

They write from Paris, that a Girl of Nine Year Old, is with Child by a Boy of Twelve.

One perſon Leaves concerning the Plague, import but little. Avignon ſuffers moſt, though even there it does not rage ſo much as our laſt Advices mentioned.

By Letters from Portſmouth of the 25th Inſtant, we are informed that the Swift ſloop ſailed the Day before, with Money for paying off part of the Arrears due to the Workmen of his Majeſty's Yard at Portſmouth: The ſame Day the Rouette ſloop brought in two Smugglers; but as thoſe Traders make no Difficulty of ſwearing to any Thing, it is thought they may clear themſelves.

The Rev. Dr. Cannon, Rector of Chriſt's Church, London, died on Wedneſday Morning.

The Election of Members of Parliament for the City of London, is to be on Monday the 9th of April.

The Prices of Goods as Bear Key as follow:

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